

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed October 20, 2008 has been carefully considered. Within the Office Action, Claims 1-30 have been rejected. The Applicants have amended Claims 1, 5, 10, 13-14, 17, 20-21 and 26-27, canceled Claims 3, 7, 12, 16, 18-19, 24 and 30 and added Claims 31-36. No new matter has been added. The Applicants reserve the right to further pursue the canceled claims in a continuation and/or divisional application as well as for appeal purposes. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Rosenberg et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,148,875, hereinafter “Rosenberg”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Rosenberg describes using vibrations of different frequency to differentiate between different events or different characteristics of events. Rosenberg, however, fails to expressly or inherently describe providing multiple haptic effects that identify multiple characteristics of events to the user. Rosenberg only describes providing a haptic effect based on the particular users sending email, the priority of an event, or the initiation or conclusion of particular tasks. (Rosenberg at col. 13, lines 36-40.)

Thus, the cited art fails to teach or suggest all of the limitations of independent claims 1, 5, 10, 14, 20 and 26. Independent claims 1, 5, 10, 14, 20 and 26 recite, *inter alia*, determining the source and type of the reminder or status event, and outputting a first haptic effect corresponding to the source and a second haptic effect corresponding to the type of event using

the same control signal. Claims 2, 4, 6, 8-9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 21-23, 25, 27-29 and 31-36 depend, directly or indirectly, from one of the foregoing independent claims. Applicants accordingly request withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

Conclusion

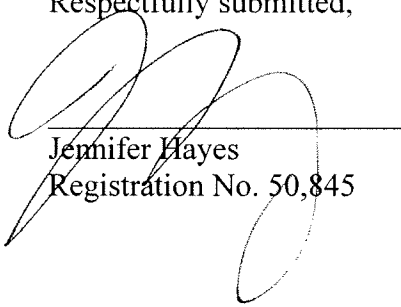
It is believed that this reply places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this reply is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-3557. Applicants petition for any extension of time that may be necessary to maintain this application in force.

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